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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON

THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT ISSUED 4:30 P.M. (LOCAL) FEBRUARY 13 (AFTER REGULAR PRESS BRIEFING). POSTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAY DRAW UPON, BUT SHOULD NOT EXPAND ON SUBSTANCE OF

STATEMENT IN ANSWERING INQUIRIES RECEIVED LOCALLY. HOWEVER, IF ASKED WHETHER U.S. GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO RECOGNIZE THE NEW TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE ADDRESSEES MAY STATE THAT IN OUR VIEW CURRENT SITUATION DOES NOT POSE A PROBLEM OF RECOGNITION.

TEXT: QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES REGRETS THE ACTION THAT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED TODAY. WE SUPPORT THE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, AND HAVE SOUGHT TO DISCOURAGE UNILATERAL ACTIONS BY EITHER SIDE THAT WOULD COMPLICATE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT ANY EVENTUAL SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM MUST BE FOUND THROUGH A PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION, A PROCESS WHICH HAS BEEN UNDERWAY. WE HAVE FULLY SUPPORTED THIS PROCESS. AND WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN REESTABLISHING THE CLERIDES-DENKTASH TALKS, WHICH WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT. WE HAD ALSO HOPED THAT WE COULD GIVE ADDITIONAL IMPETUS TO THE NEGOTIATIONS BY MEETINGS BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND INTERESTED PARTIES DURING HIS PRESENT MIDDLE EASTERN TRIP. REGRETTABLY, HOWEVER. EVENTS IN RECENT WEEKS HAVE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THESE MEETINGS TO GO FORWARD AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED AND HAVE CLEARLY REDUCED OUR ABILITY TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME. NEVERTHELESS THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO DO ITS UTMOST TO FURTHER THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION. UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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